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PRESENTS:

My Boyfriend, The Rabbit.

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THIS ANXIETY... IS IT JUST YOUR "EYES?" OR IS IT YOU...?
Rabbit meets rabbit on the roof! 32 pages.
うさ王な彼氏
(うさぎ)
My Boyfriend, the Rabbit.

In all my seventeen years, never has such a sad thing happened
A self-styled tough guy shouldn't care...
But I can't stand it...
SOOOOB
My pet rabbit died.

To be more accurate he belonged to my little sister Kanako but that doesn't matter.
HMM
LOOK, HIRO, I JUST BOUGHT A MINIATURE RABBIT!
I shared a secret with that fuzzball
COME HERE, BUNNY!
One look in his sweet little eyes and I was head over heels!

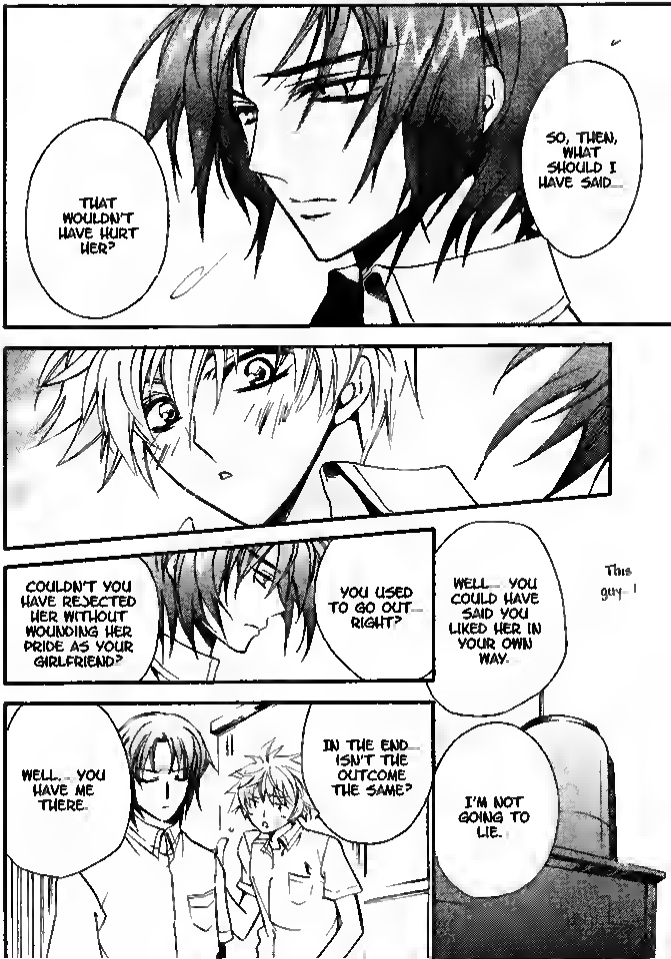
They said he had a peaceful death but
Click Click
HOW STRANGE! IT'S OPEN.
Oops, I forgot to lock up...
That guy is in my class, and he's with Shinohara, the girl ranked No. 1 in popularity...!
And he's always been my secret crush
Ack
NO ONE EVER COMES HERE SO WE CAN TALK.
OKAY
I'M GOING TO ASK YOU POINT-BLANK...
DO YOU LOVE ME?
I DON'T LOVE YOU.
He's Rasu (I can't remember his first name)
I see what's going on. I'm jealous. He's going out with her!

THIS IS HORRIBLE...!
Oh my god...!
OKAY.
I GET THE POINT YOU MADE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR, SO...
LET'S BREAK UP!
WHAT?
WISH...
I've just remembered! He's Ren Risui...!!
Clearly, the rumors about him are true. He's a heartless jerk!!
WHAT A HORRIBLE GUY! I'D NEVER TURN DOWN A GOOD WOMAN LIKE SHINOHARA...!
SLAM
END
END

Image
He serves as Student Council Secretary and to tell the truth I've heard his family runs a large financial group. He's the youngest son...
Strange, if you don't have money it's not a good idea to use a credit card.
He looks like the cool, silent type. Girls always make a fuss over him and guys see him as a rival...
Still...
SHSH
An hour later...
I can't go home!
Wh... why am I trembling like I'm about to die?!
Huh...?
ka-thump
...sigh
Ah...
thump
thump

WAIT A SEC...
UH..
IT'S YOU!
.....
bg thump
ERRR...
What...?
"THE RABBIT...!"
Huh...?

HEY, SHUT UP! WHO EVER SAID A RABBIT'S EYES ARE RED ANYWAY?!
Argh! He startled me...
ERR...
UM...
RUB
RUB
TH THAT'S BECAUSE
THEY'RE RED
YOUR EYES...
YOU GUYS HAD A LOVER'S QUARREL PRETTY MUCH RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES!
IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS SPYING ON YOU...!
This guy has the same green eyes as my rabbit!
I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT YOU'RE COLD-HEARTED!
BUT WHAT I'VE SEEN IS WORSE THAN THE RUMORS. YOU THINK YOU'RE BETTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE, TOO!
I SEE...
SO I'M COLD-HEARTED?
YEAH.
HUH...?!
WHATEVER. I DON'T CARE IF YOU WERE.


SO, THEN, WHAT SHOULD I HAVE SAID...
THAT WOULDN'T HAVE HURT HER?
WELL... YOU COULD HAVE SAID YOU LIKED HER IN YOUR OWN WAY.
This guy...!
YOU USED TO GO OUT... RIGHT?
COULDN'T YOU HAVE REJECTED HER WITHOUT WOUNDING HER PRIDE AS YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
I'M NOT GOING TO LIE.
IN THE END... ISN'T THE OUTCOME THE SAME?
WELL... YOU HAVE ME THERE.

HIRO SATOU
HUH?
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
I KNOW THE NAME AND FACE OF EVERYONE IN OUR YEAR.
HIRO SATOU
BUT YOU STAND OUT IN THE CROWD.
I'M A LITTLE JEALOUS...
This guy...!
Apparently my image of him was wrong!
BLUSH

*ORIGINALLY BLANK.
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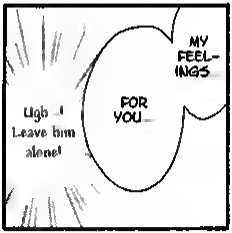
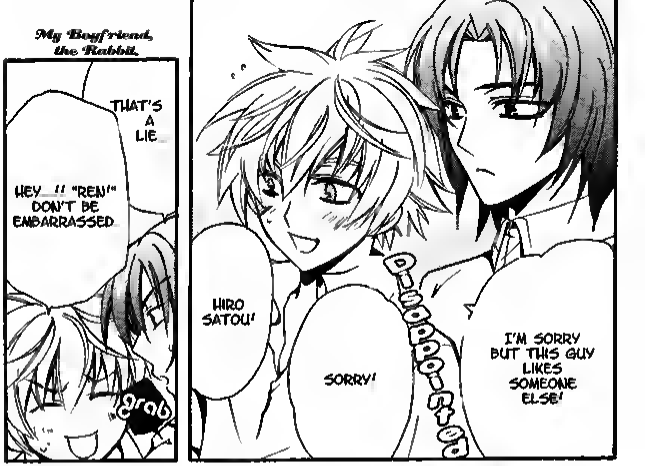
AS SOON AS HE GETS A FREE MOMENT, THEY'RE ALL OVER HIM AGAIN
AH

HIS FACE... HE'S IN TROUBLE.
I wish I knew what to do.
FLOOD

I DON'T LOVE...
THIS GUY. !!
POPS IN


MY FEEL-INGS
FOR YOU...
Ugh...! Leave him alone!


THAT'S A LIE
HEY...!! "REN!" DON'T BE EMBARRASSED
grab
HIRO SATOU!
SORRY!
I'M SORRY BUT THIS GUY LIKES SOMEONE ELSE!

step
step
step
THANK YOU!
YEAH
THAT'S TOO BAD!

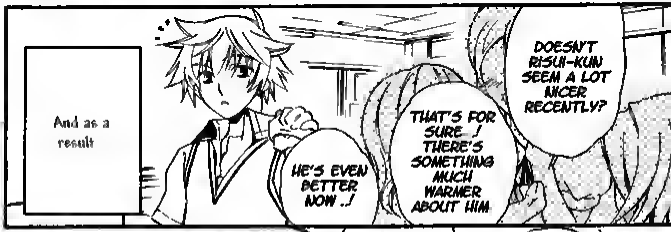
IDIOT...?
Shit.
OH, HE'S PROBABLY SHOCKED
YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT!
IT'S THE SAME SITUATION ALL OVER AGAIN!

HUH?! UH... UH...
I CALLED YOU "REN" BY MISTAKE!
YOU SURE ARE NICE, HIRO.
I LIKE "REN..."
BETTER THAN "IDIOT."
SMACK
STOP THAT!
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! I'M CALLING YOU BY YOUR LAST NAME! I CAN'T STAND CRYING GIRLS!
HEHE..
YOU REALLY ARE NICE.
WHAT'S WITH THAT SILLY LAUGH? YOU...
"REN!"
HUH? OH
SO... ER... REN
HE HE HE...
YOU'RE REALLY TWISTED!
but probably forget what he say
It's entirely by coincidence

...that this cool and silent guy's true face... or rather...
...his eyes...!
Resemble my rabbits... I can't seem to leave him alone!
hug
THMP
THMP
THMP

WHAT KIND OF SONG DO YOU THINK THE STUDENT COUNCIL SHOULD SING AT THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL...?
A Japanese ballad perhaps?
SING A WESTERN SONG!
OH! BUT DON'T DO "MY WAY...!"
THESE ARE INVITATIONS TO THE FINAL PARTY
Oh...
WOW! MAYBE YOU CAN JUST STICK SOME CANDY IN THERE AND REPLY?
flmp

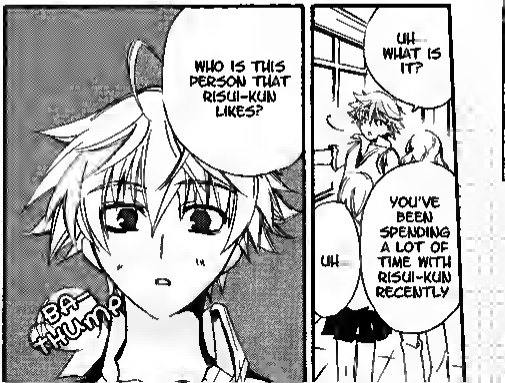
I've been so lonely since Mr Rabbit died!
BUT THE RUMORS, IT SEEMS
Sometimes his smile is creepy!
I see...
O..OOH!
ba-thump
YEAH, I'LL DO THAT.
smile
THANK YOU, HIRO


And as a result
HE'S EVEN BETTER NOW..!
THAT'S FOR SURE..! THERE'S SOMETHING MUCH WARMER ABOUT HIM
DOESN'T RISU-KUN SEEM A LOT NICER RECENTLY?

I'VE BEEN UP ALL NIGHT REPLYING TO THEM...
DROOP
WOW...!
THESE HAVE KINDA MULTIPLIED RECENTLY.
I KNOW.

THIS IS ALL I HAVE.
FLIP
I feel kinda jealous!
ISN'T THERE EVEN ONE PERSON THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO GO WITH?
I'M NOT GOING TO FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE THAT I'VE NEVER SPOKEN TO
NOBODY.
UNDERSTANDS ME.
THAT'S FOR SURE.
Quietly
YOU LOOK LIKE A SOUR-FACED DUMBASS, REN.
IF THAT LEAKS OUT, YOU WON'T GET A HOT GIRL..
SIGH
I DON'T CARE AT ALL IF I'M NOT POPULAR
I FIGURE IT WOULDN'T BE BAD IF IT LEAKED OUT
BA-THUMP
What the?!

IT'S WRONG TO BETRAY THE GUYS' JEALOUSY AND THE GIRLS' DREAMS!
NO WAY!
.....
Huh...?
RIGHT! YOU SHOULD SHAPE UP, EXCEPT IN FRONT OF ME!


WHO IS THIS PERSON THAT RISUI-KUN LIKES?
BA-THUMP
UH... WHAT IS IT?
UH...
YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME WITH RISUI-KUN RECENTLY
I didn't do something strange, did I?
SATOU

OH, YEAH... THAT LIE I TOLD BEFORE...
UH... I DUNNO
HE DOESN'T REALLY TALK ABOUT THAT KIND OF THING
I SEE
IT'S JUST THIS GIRL THAT YOU MENTIONED
EVERYONE IS SAYING SHE DUMPED HIM
Huh...?
I GIVE UP!
THE GIRLS' NETWORK OF FRIENDS IS JUST TOO STRONG...
LOOK
BUT WELL...
SEEMS LIKE YOU CAN PUT UP WITH IT, REN...
WITH A LIE...
A LIE?
YEAH... LIKE...
"THERE'S SOMEONE I LIKE..."
THAT'S NOT A LIE.

I DO LIKE SOMEONE
BUT
JUST THE OTHER DAY, YOU DIDN'T
WHAT I MEAN IS, AMONG THE GIRLS WHO GAVE ME LETTERS,
THERE'S SOMEONE THAT I LIKE
I...
I SEE.
It's good that this won't keep repeating
Because every time it kinda hurts
WELL, GOOD LUCK
PAIN

But when I think that he looked at somebody else with those eyes...
This is great I'm pleased
This "person that he likes" who rejected him...
my thoughts are strange...
What are these feelings...?
IF YOU DON'T, "THE PERSON YOU LIKE" WON'T BE HAPPY WITH YOU, RIGHT?
YOU CAN DO IT ON YOUR OWN!
I'D LIKE YOUR OPINION ON OUR PLANS FOR THE FESTIVAL...
OH
I'VE GOT TO WORK TODAY
HIRO!

WELL...
That's right.
I SEE.
I'm planning to buy myself a real rabbit
If I do this...
I'm saving my money right now
I can stop being controlled by the stupid idea...
...that a good-looking guy like Ren resembles a rabbit!

MURMURS
I HOPE WE'LL ALL HAVE GOOD MEMORIES OF THIS NIGHT!
NOW IT'S TIME FOR THE PARTY GAMES. WE'LL BEGIN WITH "HIDE AND SEEK."
HE'S HANDLING THIS PERFECTLY
OD
I feel relieved
CREAK...
But why

WHISH...
Why did I suddenly decide to come to this place alone?
And to make matters worse, I'm really sleepy...
SIGH

...and it's cold...
Maybe I m-
What's wrong with me?
FLOP
...just dying from loneliness
HIRO!!

GR~
HIRO!! WHAT'S WRONG?!
~AB
REN—

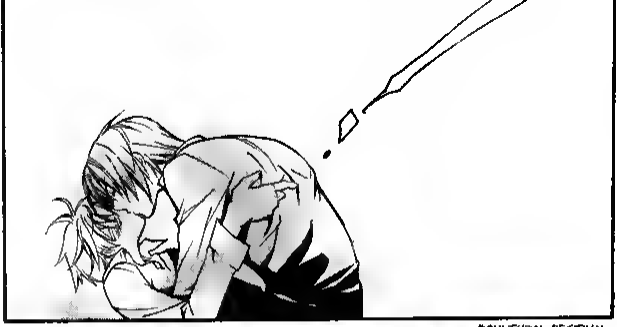
SQUEEZE
YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...? TODAY AREN'T YOU IN CHARGE...?
Oh crap...
HIRO, WHAT JUST HAPPENED...?
why am I so happy?
OH... TO ME? WHEN I SAW YOU WERE HANDLING THIS SO WELL ALONE
I WAS RELIEVED, AND KINDA SLEEPY...
REACH...
SNAP
I'M SLEEPY SO...
IS IT OKAY IF I DO SOMETHING STRANGE?

It would be nice if it were just me...
GRAB
THIS...
I'M SO SORRY...!! I THINK I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU...!
ME...?
YEAH, YOU! I'M SORRY. I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!

YOU'RE NOT AN "IDIOT..."
SLIDE
Ah
Ah
Ah
AND, UNLIKE ME, YOU'RE NOT A "SOUR-FACED DUMBASS" EITHER.
THAT'S...!
HIRO, YOU SAID IT

I MUST HAVE YOU...
AM I REALLY GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU?
That's not it.
Hasy
BUT...
Ah...
ON THE ROOFTOP...
A GUY LOOKED AT ME WITH EYES LIKE A RABBIT'S...
...WHAT ABOUT THAT "PERSON YOU LIKE?"

I'VE FOUND HIM HERE AGAIN..
I WON'T LET HIM GET AWAY..
BUT REN..!!
BLUSH!



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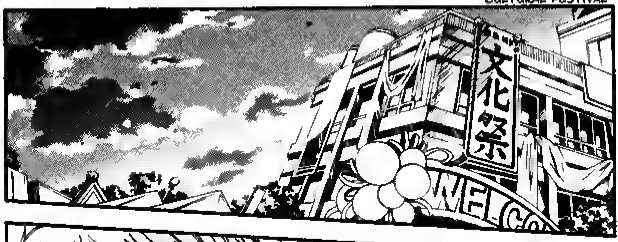

rustle
squeeze
ARGH...!
BLUSH
HEY!
THIS IS... SO... SUDDEN...
IT'S NOT SUDDEN.
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT FOR A LONG TIME
I WANT TO DO IT WITH YOU, HIRO

A long time...?
I was fooled by that cool exterior...
This kinda thing
Smile
This isn't like my rabbit at all!!!

A
h
DURING "HIDE AND SEEK," EVEN HIDDEN LOVERS MIGHT BE FOUND
Sniff
THE PARTY PLANS
TIME?
Sniff
AAH... WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME
AH
What?!
GRAB
IDIOT...!!
Just as I thought – he really is a dumbass—!!
MY LOVER IS HIRO!!
WELL... I'LL HAVE TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO EVERYONE...!!
My Boyfriend, The Rabbit. The End.